

# Sunday and Feast Day Liturgical Notes for Priests and Deacons

## Suggestions for Leading Worship



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**RE:** Liturgical Suggestions for the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Cycle B

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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

### **An Overview...**

It is impossible not to note the shift in the readings which are moving toward the “end times.” The Jewish apocalyptic literary style is found in both the reading from Daniel and the text of Mark 13. While it is enticing to be drawn to the imagery that these readings and others which follow in the succeeding Sundays – an almost fantastic scenario which would look better on the “big screen.” In reality, these scenes are in reference to the continual choice made by individuals who ignore the urgency of following the pattern of Christ at their own peril. The judgment described is not relegated to the end of time; rather, it is descriptive of finding ourselves unready or unwilling to commit to the cost of discipleship in our own day and place. There is no time to wait to decide.

### **Faith Sharing Questions...**

1. What issue of faith have you been putting off? Why?
2. When you think of the end times what do you think about? What emotion does it cause within you?
3. What is your image of God when you think of “end times”?

### **Some Other Considerations as You Prepare...**

1. The *Rite of Sprinkling* could be an appropriate choice, as the baptismal imagery of darkness and light is prominent. If you choose to use the third form of the act of penitence, consider using the second set in the *Missal* which speaks of the Lord’s coming in glory.
2. The first Opening Prayer option is the more recommended, as it refers to being faithful to the Lord till He comes again.
3. Preface for Sundays of Ordinary Time II refers to eternal life with Christ; Preface IV speaks of entering the Kingdom of heaven.
4. Solemn Blessing IV reflects the eschatological theme of this Sunday.

### **Looking Ahead...**

1. Many parishes engage in Stewardship of Prayer during the Advent season. If so, you may be interested in the materials prepared by the diocesan Stewardship Office.
2. The Solemnity of Christ the King is observed next weekend.
3. Thanksgiving is November 26 this year.

## **SAMPLE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **33rd ORDINARY SUNDAY – CYCLE B**

*Priest:* With hope in the power of God to save, let us offer our prayers in faith:

*Deacon* (or other reader if there is no deacon):

1. For the Church during these days of the world; for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to keep us and our religious leaders faithful to the mission and message of Christ, we pray to the Lord....
2. For all nations and government leaders; may compassion guide the hearts and minds of those who lead countries toward the betterment of all people, we pray to the Lord...
3. For those who live in fear of the future; for help for the poor and food for the hungry, we pray to the Lord....
4. For our parish; that we stay focused on the invitation to trust deeply in the Lord's faithful love, we pray to the Lord....
5. For all who have died [particularly those listed in our parish Book of Remembrance]; for those who have died and whose faith is known to God alone, we pray to the Lord....
6. In peace and in silence, we offer our other, more personal prayers to the Father...

*[pause; the presider alone concludes...]*

*Priest:* O God of all time and place,  
listen with compassion to our pleas.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.